

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2003/12/04 : CIA-RDP80-00810A000900490007-2TOPIC Military Information from Oranienburg

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 4 to 6 March 1953DATE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1C DATE PREPARED 17 March 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. At 3:30 p.m. on 4 March, a troop train of 15 boxcars with equipment and an undetermined number of flatcars with 18 T-34/85 tanks and 6 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] drove out of the former concentration camp at Oranienburg, proceeding toward Sachsenhausen. At 5 p.m., six T-34/85 tanks were entrained at the Oranienburg railroad station. Equipment was hauled to the station on trucks [redacted]

At 11:30 a.m. on 5 March, eight trucks [redacted] carrying billeting equipment from the concentration camp were entrained at the railroad station. Trucks [redacted]

stood at the station, ready to be entrained. On 6 March, the southwest section of the concentration camp quartered about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, while the other section of the installation quartered Volkspolizei personnel who wore blue uniforms. [redacted]

2. Troop trains that left the Oranienburg railroad station toward Loewenberg on 5 March included: about 15 motor vehicles and 30 four-wheel armored scout cars at 7:30 a.m.; and 4 trucks [redacted] 4 x 57-mm AT guns, and troops and billeting equipment on 30 boxcars at 6:30 p.m.

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1. Comment. Reports on transportation indicated that a total of seven trains went from Oranienburg to Vogelsang from 2 to 5 March. Five troop trains of the 25th Tank Div were identified as they were unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station between 4 and 6 March. The present information tends to indicate that the departure of troops from Oranienburg is the beginning of the final vacation of the concentration camp, as was indicated in 1952 [redacted]

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[redacted] the concentration camp would be vacated in the spring of 1953 and turned over to the Volkspolizei and that the Soviet troops would be transferred to the Templin troop training grounds and move into the barracks installation which are scheduled for completion in the fall of 1953. In this connection, it is interesting that, in late January 1953, five barracks buildings in Camp Vogelsang had been completed and occupied by guard details.

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